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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2006, please consider the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this Application. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.